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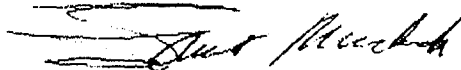
Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing this letter in support of Microsoft. As a businessman, I believe there is no place for Government in free enterprise. I have a lot of respect for Microsoft and saw the economy flourish as Microsoft grew. It's no coincidence that the technology sector, technical stocks and employment numbers are down while this antitrust case is going on. While it may not be the cause, it sure is the contributor.

Microsoft agreed that if a third party's exercise of any options provided by the settlement would infringe on the rights of any Microsoft intellectual property, they will provide the third party with a license to the necessary intellectual property on reasonable terms. That seems more than fair to me. Microsoft agreed to provide computers in the school, but all the states rejected it since it would infringe on Apple's ability to continue providing computers in the school. Here in Nassau County, we are in desperate need of IBM compatible computer's, especially since we use old technology, like a microfiche. It's a shame we can't access any.

It's obvious to me that the competition and the states are only pursuing litigation because they want "a piece of the action." If the consumer likes the products of a company "a", and the company "a" gains a large market share, it's not fair for other companies to sue company "a" just because consumers like their product. Your help in resolving this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Stuart Muchnick